



ROOSEVELT ISSUES STATEMENT

REPLIES TO TILLMAN'S SPEECH OF SATURDAY

President Says His Statements Were Most Plain and There Was Not the Slightest Opportunity for Misconception By Any One.

PLEGGED HIMSELF TO NO KIND OF AMENDMENT

DID NOT SAY HE WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH ANY AMENDMENT WHICH PRESERVED FEATURES OF HEPBURN BILL AT IS CAME FROM HOUSE—NEVER COMMITTED HIMSELF ON PROPOSITION AT ALL.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The sensational rate bill incident in the senate Saturday during which Tillman on authority of former Senator Chandler, made statements regarding the President's course in connection with the pending railroad rate legislation, some of which statements were denied by Senator Lodge on behalf of the President, had its sequel this evening when a statement was issued by the White House giving an account of the subject on the part of the President and Attorney General Moody. The statement comprised two letters, one from the President to Senator Allison and another from the attorney general to the President, both were dated today.

President's Attitude Plain. The President says: "In no case either in the case of Chandler or anyone else, was there the slightest opportunity for any honest misconception of my attitude or any belief that I pledged myself specifically to one and only one amendment or set amendments, or that I would not be satisfied with any amendment or set amendments, or that I would not be satisfied with any amendment which preserved the essential features of the Hepburn bill as it came from the house." The President says that as to many of the amendments, including the so-called Long, Overman, Bacon and Spooner amendment, he had said he should be entirely satisfied to have them in the bill and suggested modifications as to the other amendments, but that "as to none of the amendments did I ever say, either to Chandler or to anyone else, that I should insist upon having them in the bill as a condition of my approval," and that on the contrary he (the president) was careful to state he was not trying to dictate any particular program of action. The President says the statements made to Senator Chandler were the same in substance as those made to Allison and the other senators of both parties.

Representative of Tillman. He says he was asked to see Chand-

ler as the representative of Tillman in charge of the bill, and that the conference attorney General Moody had with Senators Tillman and Bailey were such as has been held with many other senators to determine the phraseology and discuss the effects of the amendments proposed by them. The president states he became convinced that it was impossible for senators "with advantage" to use him as an intermediary and suggested to all to whom he spoke that they communicate with Senator Allison whose purposes and the president's were "identical."

President on Amendment. The President says his own opinion is that the Allison amendment in no way changes the court of review as provided in the original Hepburn bill, which is also the opinion of Attorney General Moody and Secretaries Root and Taft. The attorney general's letter gives an account at the President's request of conferences which Moody had at the President's direction with Senators Tillman and Bailey regarding the court of review feature. He says he advised the president that he should not at any stage become finally committed beyond recall to any form of language in any part of the bill, and the President affirmed the wisdom of that course. He reviews the discussion of interlocutory injunctions and concludes that there was nothing in "the conversations" between the senators and himself which bound the president to any particular amendment.

Tillman Talks Freely. Senator Tillman talked freely tonight with a number of callers about the statement issued by President Roosevelt. He expressed a preference, however, not to be quoted, pointing out that whatever he wished to say on the subject of the statement, he would say on the floor of the senate. He expected that the question would be brought to the front in some way tomorrow. He discussed the president's statement tonight with former Senator Chandler and urged Chandler to issue a statement

ENGLAND ASSERTED TO BE PRACTICALLY UNPROTECTED

LONDON, May 14.—The earl of Wemyss and March asserted in the House of Lords today that the country was practically without an army and there are not sixty up to date guns in the country. The question, he said, would be solved if the government had the courage to adopt a system of compulsory service at home and a volun-

tary service abroad. The earl of Portsmouth, parliamentary secretary of the war office, replying said the government had a mobilization scheme under which it was hoped it could mobilize its forces for defense as quickly as any continental power. The earl reaffirmed the principle that the country must look to the navy and not the army for defense against invasion.

giving the full history of the matter. Senator Tillman wanted the fact to go into the newspapers that he did not in any way initiate the negotiations with democrats regarding democratic support of the railroad rate bill and that he did not ask Chandler to go to the White House.

NEGRO GETS DESERTS.

EASTMAN, Ga., May 14.—Mrs. Pope, a widow, living six miles from here, was assaulted by a negro named Wommerek on Friday night. He told her if she made the assault known he would kill her, and he would be back the next night. When he returned Saturday the woman emptied a revolver at him. The neighbors, attracted by the shooting went to Wommerek's house on hearing Mrs. Pope's story and found him in bed wounded. Wommerek confessed. He was taken out and strung up and his body riddled with bullets, after which the mob dispersed.

SCHURZ FUNERAL THURSDAY.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The funeral of Carl Schurz, who died early today will take place Thursday in the presence of his family and close personal friends. The interment will occur in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery at Tarrytown.

KILLED BY A BOMB CHANDLER SILENT

Terrorist Kills Warsaw Police Captain on Street.

SOLDIERS FIRE INTO CROWD

People Quickly Gather and When the Trouble is Finally Ended Four Are Dead and Nineteen Wounded.

WARSAW, May 14.—While police Captain Constantinoff was standing in the street this evening with two policemen and four soldiers, a young man threw a bomb into the group. The explosion literally tore Constantinoff to pieces and wounded the policeman and six other persons. The assassin tried to escape and firing his revolver wounded a soldier. The other soldiers replied with a volley, killing the assassin and two other persons. The soldiers then attacked the people, who had gathered, with their bayonets and the butts of their guns, wounding eleven and making a total of four killed and nineteen wounded. The terrorists have sought Constantinoff since May Day of last year, when he ordered the soldiers to fire on a procession of socialists, causing the death of thirty persons.

REVOLTING STORY.

LONDON, May 14.—A revolting story of Macedonian barbarity is related by the Telegraph's Vienna correspondent. In a recent conflict the Turkish troops killed fourteen Greeks. They refused to let them bury the dead. When the Turks withdrew a band of Bulgarians appeared with a number of dogs which devoured the bodies. The Greeks in revenge ambushed the Bulgarians, capturing eighty, whom they massacred, including both women and children, after subjecting them to the cruelest torture.

FIND REMAINS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—After a search of twenty-seven days in the ruins of their former place of business, E. J. Johnson today found the charred remains of his partner and lifelong friend, Theodore Hansen.

DASTARDLY CRIME.

PENSACOLA, Fla., May 14.—In Santa Rosa County ten miles north of Milton last night an itinerant preacher named Akerman, his wife and seven children were killed and their bodies cremated in their home, which was burned by the assassins. The crime was discovered this morning. An examination shows that Akerman and his wife were struck on the head with a blunt instrument, their skulls being crushed. The citizens of Milton offer \$1000 reward for the murderers' capture.

QUIET DAY IN SENATE.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The session of the senate today passed without an exciting incident and without the adoption of a single amendment to the railroad rate bill notwithstanding that measure was under consideration nearly all the day. The most characteristic feature of the day was the rejection of amendments. This was accomplished, either by direct vote or by process of laying on the table.

QUEER FREAK.

MADEIRA, Cal., May 14.—A sensation was caused today when the surgeon, who held the autopsy over David Liehly discovered that his heart was on the right side.

CHANDLER SILENT

Refuses to Discuss Statement of the President.

DESIRES RATE LEGISLATION

Former Senator Chandler Will Not Talk Concerning Roosevelt's Statement—He is Not an Emmissary of Tillman.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Former Senator Chandler refused to discuss the statement from the White House. He indicated he did not expect to make a statement. He also indicated that he was very anxious to have the railroad rate legislation enacted. Regarding his visits to the White House Chandler said that previous to his invitation to call to see the president on March 31, following which he conferred with the President concerning the pending rate bill, he had not been to the White House for about a month and previous to the invitation had no intention of going there. He said he did not go to the White House as an emissary of Tillman, but in response to the President's invitation.

BODIES BURNED.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—The fate of three girls who perished in the ruins of Prost's bakery on Sixth street as a result of the earthquake and fire, was established today. Sometime ago the charred remains of a girl named Bock, were found. Today William Burmister searched the ruins for the remains of his sister. The girl wore a peculiar ring, which her brother found together with some human teeth and bones. A third girl, named Allen, who was employed in the bakery has not been seen since April 17. Three young women slept in the rear of the store.

FIRST TRAWLER ARRIVES.

VICTORIA, May 14.—The steam trawler Celestial Empire arrived today from Liverpool. It is the first vessel to engage in trawl fishing on the North Pacific Coast.

COLD RAIN CAUSES MUCH MISERY TO HOMELESS

San Francisco is Deluged By Cold (and Disagreeable) Rain, Which Is Source of Discomfort to Thousands of Shelterless.

ASHES IN SKY BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUSED RAIN

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE UNANIMOUSLY DECIDE TO EXTEND PRESENT FIFTY-YEAR LEASES TO NINETY YEARS—REGARDED AS A GREAT STEP TOWARD PROGRESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—The cold, disagreeable rain which fell this afternoon created much misery among the refugees in the camps and even caused annoyance to house holders who were cooking in the street. Though it is the middle of May the rain is unusual at this period, and the ashes which drifted into the sky during the conflagration are believed to have concentrated sufficient moisture to cause many drizzles for some time to come. It is most unfortunate at this time when

a third of the San Francisco people is camping. Happily the rain was of short duration and was followed by sunshine. At a meeting of the committee on a special session of the legislature today it was unanimously decided that in the present fifty-year leases the law be changed to permit ninety-nine year leases. This is looked upon by real estate men as an important step and that under the new conditions rebuilding will progress rapidly.

CONSULS WILL EXPLAIN.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Two other ex-consular officers, besides Robert McWade, who were mentioned unfavorably in the famous "Confidential Report" of Assistant Secretary Pierce have taken exception to the charges made against them and appeared at the state department to get an opportunity to clear themselves. They are Oscar E. Williams, former consul to Singapore and Richard F. Greener, former commercial agent at Vladivostok. They will be permitted to make further replies to the senate.

AFTER INDIAN OUTLAWS.

VINTA, I. T., May 14.—An Indian runner arrived late tonight with the news that the Wickliffe's, the Indian outlaws, are located, being on the hills near Shavinaw. Marshal Darrough is sending bloodhounds. He will go himself with a posse in the morning. A fight is expected.

TRAIN STRIKES CATTLE.

SEATTLE, May 14.—The Seattle-Tacoma Interurban Limited was behind time and while running fifty miles an hour, struck a herd of cattle near Orilla late this afternoon and was derailed. The train slid 100 feet before it stopped. The forty passengers escaped with slight bruises.

SUIT BEGUN.

NEW YORK, May 14.—A suit has been begun by the Mutual Life against Robert Oliphant, Charles E. Miller and James C. Holden, trustees and members of the Mutual's committee on expenditures, and against the estate of the late John Herrick, a former member of the committee, to recover such sums as have been wasted through alleged negligence of the defendants. The suits were begun by serving the summons on May 9th. The action is the result of revelations of mismanagement in the Mutual's supply department.

NO QUORUM IN HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The house had under consideration today bill's relating to the District of Columbia. The house adjourned in the absence of a quorum postponing action on the bills under consideration, which will be taken up tomorrow.

MAY DAY DISORDERS.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 14.—Telegrams from many towns in the province reports no May day disorders, though most of the workmen have ceased work, except at Volodga where serious rioting has occurred during which the Governor and many others were wounded.

PARLIAMENT POSTPONES REPLY TO THE THRONE

ST. PETERSBURG, May 14.—Former Premier Witte again took a prominent part today in the conference of the council of the empire, successfully insisting that the adoption of a reply to the speech from the throne be postponed until a regular meeting of the council, when the members of the press were present. Nevertheless a pre-

judiced reply is already prepared and has been sent by the Associated Press. Though delicately expressed the reply virtually contains a demand for amnesty of political prisoners not guilty of murder or robbery. In other respects the reply seems designed to disarm the suspicion that it is to be the rule of the upper chamber to block the legislation proposed by the lower house.